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SUBJECT: PRESS PLAY ON ALLEGED CIA PLOT AGAINST GANDHI

1. ALTHOUGH MOST LOCAL PAPERS DID NOT MENTION IT, PRIME MINISTER'S PAPER ADVANCE TODAY SPLASHED BIG HEADLINES ON FRONT PAGE READING QTE CIA IMPLICATED IN PLOT AIMING TO OVERTHROW INDIRA GANDHI AND TO REPLACE HER WITH JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN UNQTE BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON BOMBAY BLITZ STORY. PRO-INDIAN DAILY THE NATION CONTROLLED BY 2 INFLUENTIAL MINISTERS CARRIED ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY ON FRONT PAGE.

2. WHILE MOST SENSIBLE MAURITIANS WILL PRESUMABLY TAKE SUCH VICIOUS STORY WITH LARGE GRAIN OF SALT, THIS SORT OF PRESS PLAY IS BOUND TO AROUSE SUSPICIONS AMONG MANY MAURITIANS THAT WHERE THERE IS SMOKE THERE MUST BE FIRE. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINT-MENT WITH PRIME MINISTER MORNING OF JULY 2. I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO GIVE HIM HARD FIRM DENIAL BASED ON WASHINGTON GUIDANCE WHICH IS REQUESTED ASAP. I DOUBT RAMGOOLAM HIMSELF WOULD BE VERY IMPRESSED BY SUCH RAG AS BLITZ, BUT HE IS NO DOUBT ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN BEST POSSIBLE AND, IF NECESSARY, OBSEQUIOUSLY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH DELHI AND MADAM GANDHI.
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